

2013 Needs Assessment for Cleburne County

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Accomplishments

1. Remediation and tutoring continue to be provided at the Cleburne County High School. Students that are behind and may drop out are enabled to graduate sooner by using a computer based program. The Cleburne Mental Health Center provided counseling in the school setting which has impacted behavior. The early Warning Truancy Program continues through the Juvenile Court. The Middle School Mentoring Program continues. A high school mentoring program will be added this new school year.
2. Heflin Parks and Recreation continues to provide programs at a reasonable cost to families.
3. The Empty Stocking Gala supported by the Department of Human Resources in Calhoun and Cleburne Counties continues to be successful in raising money to fund Christmas for foster children in both counties.
4. The Reality Check Program continues to be provided by the Cleburne County Extension Office to the schools. County Extension provides support services to the Chamber of Commerce Youth Leadership program led by Leadership Cleburne County alumni. Be Extreme Inside and Out will take place this year in July. Twenty girls will be selected and will participate in activities to educate about real life and enhance self-esteem. School Integrated Pest Management was offered to schools to prevent the use of pesticides that cause allergies and asthma.
5. The County Nutrition and Health Council created a pocket card listing health and human services resources for our county. These cards are available at the County extension Office. The Nutrition and Health Council is also the entity that created the summer community calendar for use by families.
6. Pre-K Programs continue including Head Start.
7. HEARTS remains a Family Service Center and continues to provide needed resources for

the people of Cleburne County. Churches have worked with HEARTS to provide the Backpack Buddy Weekend Food Program for children in the Ranburne School District. A Cancer Relier Service has begun and will provide help with utilities, medication, transportation, etc. for local people. A Diabetic Cooking Class is being offered in partnership with Extension services. HEARTS will be receiving a Grant to hire Case Manager, Donna Norton, to continue to offer services to the homeless. Also, there is a Grant to help the disabled with housing. TAR WARS continued this past year.

8. The Mental Health Center continues to offer school based mental health services. A case manager also visits the child in the home and in school.

9. Sarrell Dental Clinic continues to offer services in the community. The goal is to offer any services that will make children's lives better. The Clinic promotes dental care by calling patients and reminding them of appointments. Because of keeping these appointments, improved care has reduced the cost of care per patient from \$300.00 dollars to \$100.00 dollars.

10. The computer system at Medicaid is now able to "talk" with DHR's computer system resulting in less reviews. if someone is signed up for food stamps, the information can transfer to the Medicaid System automatically and have children signed up quickly for Medicaid.

11. Children's Rehabilitation Services made known to the team services that are available through their agency. Most informative was the free hearing screenings that can take place in the home or at school. Hearing Assessments are available to all and are not based on income.

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First Priority

Need related to children of this county

2013 Needs Assessment - Priority 1

Need related to children of this county:

CAREER EDUCATION

Existing resources available to help meet this need include:	Resources needed but unavailable to meet this need include:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• GED Program three days a week• Technical School• Annual Career and Health Fair• Reality Check Program• Community Arts Program• Vocational Rehabilitation Services• Cleburne County Middle School Career Education• Cleburne County Middle School Mentoring• Be Extreme Inside and Out Program• Career Round Robin is offered as part of the Be Extreme Program• Youth Leadership Cleburne County includes career exploration.• Forte Power Systems and Honda volunteers are both available now.• 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• After school tutoring of math and science at the Middle School• Expand career education programs to all the schools• Increase knowledge about non-traditional careers• Transportation• Adult Career Education & computer skills

Action steps that will result in progress toward meeting the identified need:

1. Do an Elementary School Career Day.
2. Increase the presence of non-traditional careers at middle and high school health and career days.
3. Explore possibilities for an adult vocational program.

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Second Priority

Need related to children of this county

2013 Needs Assessment - Priority 2

Need related to children of this county:

HEALTHY LIVING

Existing resources available to help meet this need include:	Resources needed but unavailable to meet this need include:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Health Department• Sarrell Dental/Vision Clinic• General Practitioners• Optometrist• Community Calendar - available events• County Extension Nutrition Program• Heflin Parks & Recreation• Clebrate Recovery• Alethia House Drug/Alcohol Counseling• Calhun/Cleburne Mental Health• Cheaha Dental• Children's Rehabilitation Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Transportation to out- of- town Doctor's appointments• Revitalize TARWARS and JumpStart• School Social Workers & Counselors• Transportation to get clients to available Drug Courts• Cleburne Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition

Action steps that will result in progress toward meeting the identified need:

1. Support affordable activities that will promote healthy living and prevent obesity.
2. Expand the Celebrate Recovery Program to Heflin, to the community and to the jail.
3. Reactivate Substance Abuse Prevention Programs in the school via the Cleburne Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition and reactivate the TARWARS Programs.
4. Inform parents about Children's Rehabilitation Services.
5. Improve screening of children for health problems by offering free screening services when available.
6. Sign up children for Medicaid through school registration and a Children's Health Fair.

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Third Priority

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2013 Needs Assessment - Priority 3

Need related to children of this county:

TRANSPORTATION

Existing resources available to help meet this need include:	Resources needed but unavailable to meet this need include:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Family• Friends• Senior Bus• Mental Health Bus• Net Bus• Gas Vouchers from HEARTS• KIDS One• Various church buses• Rural Transport - Kurt Adair - 256-463-2271	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Transportation to Jobs• Public Transportation• Transportation to Recreation

Action steps that will result in progress toward meeting the identified need:

1. Explore Grant opportunities
2. Find ways to make other agencies and the public aware of transportation needs. Find ways to make the public aware of the availability of any local transportation. HEARTS could possibly serve as a hub for the needed information. The newspaper could be an information resource.
3. Involve churches to help with transportation as an outreach opportunity.